

Chicago State University,  
Faculty Senate 4/7/20, Minutes

Attendance: A Richardson, J Birgen, M McNicholas, P Steinhaus, S Buck, S Kang, T Hall, V Goss, W Raynovich, A Kuzdale, C Wolf, D Lynch, D Harper-Brown, E Gaytan, J Chern, J Bergen, M Salahuddin, M Tauseff, N Ubangji, R Richter, T Petrova, W Al-Ghoul, C Wolf, Y Watkins, B Seo, K Mardis, G Porter, plus telephone participants.

Visitors: L Roundtree, A Mehta, A Abraha, T Jiles, J.Dickson, K Dulaney, A Fayyad

Meeting called to order 12:33 PM

Approval of Minutes-March Minutes approved with 1 abstention

Provost's Report-

We have moved the majority of students from residence halls (18-20 left-those with no place to live); moving to close library; giving laptops to students in need; campus downsized to only essential workers; faculty can access their office-just need to contact police for access; Thursday's student town hall mtg; commencement will be cancelled for spring-students will be invited to Dec graduation; first summer session may need to be online/Should have a decision by April 8; Q: status of the gen ed curriculum committee proposal. A: still need to be clarified.

Committee Reports-

Executive Committee-need to have proposals sent one week prior for Faculty Senate considerations; department senatorial elections are to be in effect in fall; request to have form for submission of committee proposals approved by Senate; M McNicholas moved to accept the form being used to communicate proposed Committee actions for senate consideration. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passes 19 yes, 0 no.

Academic Affairs- FYI-committee voted on option 1 on the gen ed changes (to align CSU to state). For today two proposed actions:

1. Position voted on to accept PASS/NONPASS selection as an option for undergraduate students after meeting with department advisor and financial aid adviser.

Discussion: Provost clarified this could not be done for a class being done over; students have to make this selection before grades are posted. For incompletes the students must get a letter grade. The student has the responsibility to meet with the financial adviser. This is not automatic. A student has the option to select this and it is for this semester only. **Correction: Pass/Fail in text should be corrected to Pass/No Pass.**

Voting by poll in Big Blue Button: 15 yes, 1 no, no abstentions. Motion passed w/correction.

2. To aid in recruitment and remain competitive, change in admissions policy to make the ACT/SAT scores optional for students with a GPA of 2.75 or higher. Still need to submit letters of recommendation, \$25 fee with an option to submit additional items.

Discussion: historically our students coming in with 2.75 GPA have done well.

Vote was taken by poll: 15 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions. Motion passed.

Board of Athletic Advisers- M McNicholas submitted a written report; announced that this committee is creating a gender equity initiative and encouraged others to get involved.

Building and Grounds-No report

Curriculum Coordinating Committee- K Mardis submitted a written report

Library- No report

Rules and Operations- W Raynovich stated that the April meeting calls for nominations of officers. The majority, but not all departments, have selected their Senators to date. 13 departments have not submitted election results.

Discussion of whether to have nominations today. M McNicholas moved to hold nominations at this meeting. V Goss Proposed waiting until August given the current circumstances. P. Steinhaus stated that it is important to have a president in place to continue the work over the summer and ready to go for the academic year. Senators are elected for three-year terms.

W. Raynovich moved to open nominations. P Steinhaus was nominated and accepted. V Goss was nominated, and she accepted the nomination. M Tauseef was nominated for Recording Secretary. No one was nominated by the Corresponding Secretary at this time. The election will be held at the May meeting.

Technology- P Steinhaus commended this committee for their hard work on their survey and described how helpful it was to the CSU Coronavirus Task Force. She asked the committee chair to offer the recommendations for a Senate vote to give them increased credibility. S. Kang spoke to the recommendations.

Motion to accept. 12 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions.

Shared Governance- need members and a chair. Please contact P. Steinhaus.

Social Committee\* - T.Hall

1. Social Committee's in event in collaboration with Campus Recreation, "Walking for Wellness at the Track", scheduled for 4/21/20 has been postponed, as the University of closed. Please inform faculty and staff in your departments. [Executive Committee inadvertently missed calling for the report during meeting]
2. Committee will finalize newly develop By-Laws and will provide documents to FS President by the May meeting.
3. New activities are being developed beyond social programming to include recognition and support notifications of faculty member's achievements. Will be discussed at the next FS meeting.

*\*[Social Committee's Report was available, but inadvertently missed during the meeting by FS Exec Committee – details of report will be discussed at next May meeting]*

Motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm  
Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Deborah Lynch, Senate Recording Secretary